



St. Angela Merici Catholic School

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Friendly Friday Update # 25: March 17th - March 21st



Prayer for Perseverance

God of the Journey, walk with us this Lent. Teach us to pray, fast, and give in ways that bring us closer to you. Help us to persevere in staying with you on the journey through Lent to Easter.

Amen

Week at a Glance

Monday 17th	Tuesday 18th	Wednesday 19th	Thursday 20th	Friday 21st
St. Patrick's Day, Green Civvies	Happy Tuesday	PLAY Leader Training, Gr. 5 and 6	Happy Thursday	World Down Syndrome Day, Mismatched socks

Looking Ahead:

- March 25th - STREAM Centre, Grade 7s
- March 26th - In. Boys Basketball Tournament
- March 26th - First Reconciliation, Grade 2 at School
- March 27th - Int. Girls Basketball Tournament, Boardwide Lenten Mass
- April 1st - Confirmation Retreat at St. Peter's Church, Gr. 7s
- April 2nd - World Autism Day, Marlies Game, Junior Grades
- April 7th - 11th - Sharelife Week
- April 14th - 17th - Holy Week
- April 18th - Good Friday
- April 21st - Easter Monday
- April 23rd - School Level Oral Communication Competition
- April 26th - Sacrament of First Holy Communion, St. Peter's Church

Catholic School Council Update

Thank you to our St. Angela Merici CES Catholic School Council for supporting our **Pancake Snack** for all staff and students to enjoy this past Tuesday, March 4th. We are so grateful for the parent volunteers who helped with picking up the pancakes early in the morning, in addition to their assistance with sorting and delivering to classrooms so the hot pancakes could be enjoyed by all.

The **Great Big Crunch**, Thursday, March 6th, was such a fun and engaging way to promote healthy eating habits among students. A big shout out to Fortinos and our Catholic School Council for their support—it's great to see the community coming together for such a positive cause. All staff and students enjoyed crunchy Golden Delicious apples, together they joined many across the country, by all crunching together.

Our next Catholic School Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 10th at 6:45 pm. All are always welcome to attend.

Safe and Caring School Environments

Student Safety Reminder As always, student safety is our top priority. With snow removal ongoing around the school, we ask that student walkers use the following designated routes when traveling to and from school:

1. The center walkway, located in front of the school.
2. The sidewalks on the East side of the school.

Please remember that students should not use the driveway with moving vehicles to access sidewalks. For everyone's safety, it's crucial to follow these guidelines when arriving or leaving the school.

Special Note: Upon dismissal at the end of the day, students are reminded they are **NOT** to be playing on the snow mounds surrounding the school, but instead they are to go directly home.

Reporting Student Absences/Lates/Illness

Please continue to use our Safe Arrival System to report absences and lates. Before bell time for the current day, please call 1-855-856-7862 or online at: [go/schoolmessenger.ca](https://go.schoolmessenger.ca). As well, the SchoolMessenger App (blue icon) from the Apple App Store or Google Play store.

Students are strongly encouraged to arrive on time. Should your child arrive late, please use the entrance buzzer and a staff member will instruct you when to enter. **Students arriving after the bell will be asked to be signed in at the office by parents/guardians.** Please have a pick-up plan in place in the event that your child is not feeling well and needs to be picked up. (see attached information card) [LINK](#)

Kiss'n Ride

If your child must be driven to school, here are the guidelines we would like everyone to abide by.

· Please **do not double park in the school parking lot, we need to ensure a safe flow of traffic, as well as clear sightlines of all pedestrians.**

· Enter the Kiss and Ride lane close to the kindergarten play area and put your vehicle in park before allowing your child to get out of the car

· Students must independently exit from the right hand side of the car (closest to the school) and parents should remain in the car. Parents may then enter the "drive thru" (left lane) to exit the parking lot. **Parents are to leave immediately after drop off to keep the traffic flowing.**

· All student belongings (eg. Knapsack) should be **inside the car, rather than the trunk** for easy access and quick exit

· Parents who prefer to walk their children to their designated yards are asked to park on the street and walk them to the appropriate area. Our best advice is to leave home early and walk if possible.

Dismissal/Pick UP

Parents are reminded to arrive between 3:35 p.m.-3:40 p.m. at the designated areas. **Please do not enter the Bus Loop during this time.**

Safe and Caring School Environments

SAM Spirit Wear: New Logos, New Designs and New Colour options! Check out our St. Angela Merici CES Spirit Wear Store offering a wide selection of clothing and accessory items. With the same flexibility of placing orders throughout the school year and knowing that deliveries will be made directly to the school, Parents/Guardians have the option of purchasing items with our new St. Angela Merici Knights logo or our Limited Edition 25th Anniversary design. Students will be permitted to wear all Spirit Wear purchased, including the Limited Edition 25th Anniversary items offered in Grey. Use the link to start shopping today: [SAM Spirit Wear Store 2024 - 2025](#)

Continuous Improvement of Student Learning / Achievement

Webinar: EQAO Webinar for Parents and Guardians (Elementary Panel)

Education Quality and
Accountability Office



Register for this free live webinar and learn about EQAO's Primary and Junior Assessments of Reading, Writing and Mathematics. Participants will learn about the purpose of Ontario's large-scale assessments. EQAO staff will explain the assessment format, highlight resources to support students and answer questions from participants. The session is approximately 45 minutes, followed by a live Q&A with EQAO staff.

Choose one of the following webinar dates:

- April 10, 2025 @ 6:00 pm
- April 15, 2025 @ 12:00 pm

Click [here](#) for registration

Integration of Our Catholic Faith

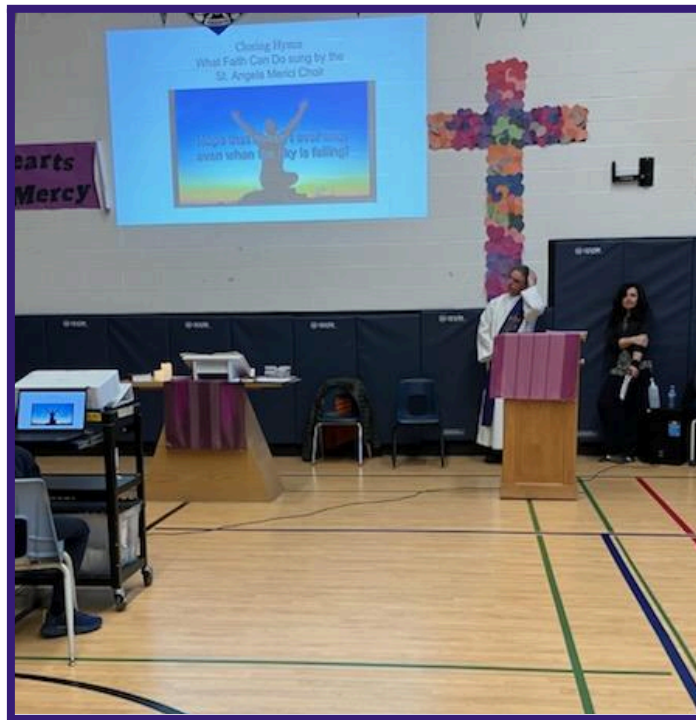
March Virtue of the Month: Perseverance

In March we look forward to the first distant signs of spring. We enter and then journey through the season of **Lent** and look forward to the highpoint of our Church calendar, Easter, which will take place next month on April 20th.

The Virtue of Perseverance

This month we celebrate and reflect on the virtue of perseverance, which is linked with the moral virtue of fortitude. “Perseverance: the virtue which disposes to continuance in the accomplishment of good works in spite of the difficulties attendant upon them.”¹ It is this virtue that helps us through the dark and difficult days. It gives us the discipline that not only leads us through the Lenten moments in our lives but in the intellectually and morally trying times. This virtue carries with it the promise of God’s loving presence that is always with us.

Ash Wednesday Liturgy: A big thank you to the staff, students, and choir for their dedication in leading such a beautiful Ash Wednesday liturgy. Moments like these help bring the school community together in faith and reflection as we journey toward Easter. 🙏💜



This Year's 2024-25 Catholic Education week will take place from **May 5 to 9, 2025.**